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SUMMARY: AT APRIL 29 INFORMAL MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON TURKISH MILITARY AID, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, FRG AND UK REPS EXPRESSED VARYING DEGREE OF TENTATIVE WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST TURKEY BY PROVIDING NEEDED SPARE PARTS. CANADIAN REP EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT CANADA COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SAID CANADA FAVORED STRICTLY BILATERAL EFFORTS. TURKEY OFFERED TO PROVIDE DETAILED SPARE PARTS LISTS TO ALLIES SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ASSISTANCE WITH A PARTICULAR TYPE OF WEAPON SYSTEM. AD HOC GROUP WILL RECONVENE WEEK OF MAY 29 TO HEAR NATIONAL REACTIONS TO LIST OF URGENT TURKISH REQUIREMENTS AND MORE DEFINITIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSIONS OF ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO FILL THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. AT APRIL 29 INFORMAL MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON TURKISH MILITARY AID, CHAIRMAN (ASYG HUMPHREYS) OPENED DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT

PREVIOUS LIST OF ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED BY TURKEY (REF A), CIRCULATED UNDER COVER OF IS NOTE, WAS "NULL AND VOID." HE THEN DISTRIBUTED IDENTICAL LIST WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT IS COVERING NOTE, AND SAID AIM OF GROUP WAS TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND HER ALLIES WITH A VIEW TO MEETING EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF TURKISH FORCES. HE NOTED THAT DETAILED FOLLOUP WOULD NEED TO BE DONE BILATERALLY BETWEEN TURKEY AND EACH ALLY SHOWING WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE NEEDED AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS. HE SAW FOUR POSSIBILITIES TO EXPLORE: OUTRIGHT AID, OUTRIGHT SALES, TEMPORARY LOANS OF EQUIPMENT, SALES ON FAVORABLE TERMS. HE ASKED TURKISH REP TO COMMENT.

2. TURKISH REP (TOPUR) AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN ON PURPOSE OF AD HOC GROUP AND NOTED THAT BILATERAL PHASE WOULD COME INTO PLAY AFTER AN ALLY HAD SHOWN GENERAL WILLINGNESS TO HELP IN ONE OF THE FOUR WAYS THE CHAIRMAN HAD POINTED OUT. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION (E.G. STOCK NUMBERS) ON REQUEST TO ALLIED AD HOC GROUP REPS EXPRESSING SUCH WILLINGNESS.

3. CANADA REP (FIRST SECRETARY BARTLEMAN) NOTED THAT AD HOC GROUP WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A DPC SUB-GROUP AND EXPRESSED INSTRUCTED VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROVIDING NEEDED ITEMS TO TURKEY SHOULD BE HANDLED ON STRICTLY BILATERAL BASIS.

4. US REP (BGEN BOWMAN) NOTED THAT US IS IN DIFFICULT POSITION, BECAUSE CONGRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE SEEN THE AID CUTOFF AS AN ISSUE RELATED TO CYPRUS RATHER THAN ONE RELATED TO SOVIET POWER AND CAPABILITY ON THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK. HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TRIED AND STILL HOPES TO CONVINCE CONGRESS THAT TURKEY MUST NOT BE LEFT ALONE TO FACE THE SOVIET THREAT. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT IN THE MEANTIME OTHER ALLIES SHOULD ASSIST IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS.

5. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) STATED THAT ATTITUDE IN THE HAGUE WAS TO TREAT THE TURKISH PROBLEM "WITHIN NATO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE," ALTHOUGH DETAILS WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH BILATERALLY. HE NOTED MENTION OF NETHERLANDS IN MANY PLACES ON TURKISH LIST AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTED THAT AD HOC GROUP REPS PASS LIST TO THEIR CAPITALS, THEN RECONVENE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF FILLING SOME TURKISH NEEDS.

6. CANADA REP REITERATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR DEALING WITH THE LIST ON A BILATERAL BASIS. HE NOTED THAT CANADIAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY HAD BEEN TERMINATED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND THAT CABINET DECISION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESUME IT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT CANADIAN POSITION WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP AND DESIRE TO AVOID PLACING CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BETWEEN US ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. US REP STATED THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH DANGER OF INTERFERING BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDED ASSISTANCE GIVEN IS NOT FLAUNTED,

SINCE THE OBJECT IS TO GIVE TURKEY AN ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS ALLIANCE TASKS. THE MAJORITY WOULD RECOGNIZE THE NATO REQUIREMENT AND THE RIGHT AND DUTY OF OTHER ALLIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THAT REQUIREMENT, I.E. WOULD SEE THE ISSUE AS ONE OF NATO CAPABILITY VIS-A-VIS THE WARSAW PACT, NOT TURKISH CAPABILITY VIS-A-VIS GREECE. HE NOTED THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD NOW FAVORS RESTORATION, AND THAT RESTORATION WOULD BE SPEEDED IF CONGRESS SEES THAT ALLIES BELIEVE ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS NECESSARY.

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7. BELGIUM REP (CLESSE) STATED THAT BELGIAN GENERAL STAFF SAW TURKISH LIST AS RAISING VERY COMPLICATED ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT EACH SYSTEM HAD MANY -- IN SOME CASES THOUSANDS OF -- SPARE PARTS OF VARYING COST. HE STATED THAT BELGIUM IS WARY OF DRAWING DOWN ITS OWN STOCKS, AND THAT LOGISTICS SPECIALISTS FROM BOTH BELGIUM AND TURKEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF ANY TRANSFERS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. HE ALSO NOTED BELGIAN BUDGET REGULATIONS AND STATED IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT TURKISH PAYMENT FOR SPARES MAKE ITS WAY BACK TO THE BELGIAN DEFENSE BUDGET. TURKEY REP REPLIED TO BELGIAN POINT ON COMPLICATED NATURE OF SPARE PARTS SITUATION BY REITERATING WILLINGNESS TO MAKE FURTHER DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONCE THE ALLIES SHOW INTEREST IN MAKING MOVES.

8. IN RESPONSE TO FRG REP (WELZ) QUESTION AS TO VALUE OF PRESENT BILATERAL LIAISON BETWEEN FRG AND TURKEY. TURKEY REP RESPONDED THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT SECONDARY. UK REP

(LEGGE) EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO POSSIBILITY OF UK GIVING
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SIGNIFICANT AID DUE TO ANGLICIZATION OF THE ONLY TWO ITEMS
FOR WHICH THE TURKISH LIST SPELLED OUT UK AS A POTENTIAL
SUPPLIER (F-4 AND C-130). HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO
CONTINUE ASSOCIATION WITH THE AD HOC GROUP.

9. NETHERLANDS REP STATED THAT NETHERLANDS HAS NEVER GIVEN
ANY MILITARY AID. WHILE THE HAGUE WOULD GIVE THE IDEA CLOSE
SCRUTINY, OTHER WAYS (SALE, LOANS) OF HELPING TURKS WOULD BE
EASIER. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER CANADIAN POSITION MEANT THAT
CANADA OPPOSED FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP.
CANADIAN REP REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT CANADA COULD
CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT CANADIAN POSITION ON AID
WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

10. CHAIRMAN ASKED US REP TO EXPLAIN US LEGAL POSITION
RELATING TO THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFERS. US REP RESPONDED ALONG
LINES REFS B AND C, NOTING THAT MANY ITEMS DO NOT REQUIRE USG
APPROVAL, BUT THAT USG CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT GIVE PERMISSION IN
CASES WHERE LICENSING ARRANGEMENT REQUIRES USG APPROVAL.

11. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT NO FORMAL RECORD OF MEETING WOULD
BE ISSUED. HE THEN CLOSED MEETING BY ASKING REPS TO TAKE NOTE
OF IMPORTANT US STATEMENT THAT TURKISH PROBLEM IS OF INTEREST TO
NATO BECAUSE OF SOVIET THREAT, NOT CYPRUS SITUATION; ALLIED
EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR TURKISH PLIGHT; US STATEMENT ON
LINK BETWEEN TURKISH PROBLEM AND RELATIONS BETWEEN US AD-
MINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. HE ASKED REPS TO FORWARD TURKISH
LIST TO CAPITALS FOR DETAILED CONSIDERATION, NOTING THAT IT
CONTAINS ONLY TURKEY'S MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS. HE STATED
THAT AD HOC GROUP WOULD MEET AGAIN DURING WEEK OF MAY 19
TO TAKE STOCK OF NATIONAL RESPONSES, BUT THAT BILATERAL
CONTACTS SHOULD NOT BE INHIBITED. FINALLY, HE NOTED TURKISH
WILLINGNESS TO MAKE DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ANY
ALLY THAT STATES IT IS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO HELP
MEET TURKISH EQUIPMENT NEEDS. BRUCE

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